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# The Arranger

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## A message from Sensei

Dear members of Prairie Ikenobo Ikebana Chapter. A Happy New Year! I hope all of you had nice holidays and you are ready for the new and exciting year. I am looking forward to seeing you at our workshops and studying Ikenobo Ikebana together. I appreciate your enthusiastic involvement in Ikebana and your continuous support. With my *arigatou no kokoro* (a *kokoro* of gratitude)



Kimiko Gunji, president



Hatsuike by Kimiko Gunji, Jeanne Holy, Betty Lankford, and Al Marx

Membership renewal applications are included with this newsletter. National Ikenobo dues has increased by \$5 making it \$25 for regular members and \$30 for teacher members. In order to keep our costs down a separate charge for printed and mailed newsletters has been added. If you are able to receive an email newsletter you will see no increase in the dues.

Memberships must be received by March 1, 2008 so that Ikenobo Headquarters can update their lists in a timely fashion.



Members welcomed in 2008 with a contemporary hatsuike arrangement. Using two Shadow Boxes, a set of folding doors were constructed to hold bamboo, magnolia branches, and rice paper. Bird of paradise, white dendrobium and pine completed the arrangement. (left) Al and Betty add hinges while Sensei supervises.



Save the dates of May 2 and 3 for Visiting Professor workshops by Midori Kato Sensei.

2008 Calendars have been mailed to all out-of-town members. Local members may pick up their calendar at Japan House.

### Thoughts on the Rose Bowl Parade and Ikebana...by Virgie Young.

Ikebana uses natural materials to create arrangements that enhance the beauty of those materials. Few materials are needed to create a thing of beauty. Rose Bowl floats only use natural materials, but use them to enhance the structures of the float. Every surface must be covered and the use of materials is a wonder to behold. In both mediums beauty is achieved and flowers reign as nature's highest form of beauty.

(left) A Rose Bowl float depicting cherry blossom season in Japan.

# Fall 2007 Arrangements

## October Shimputai Shoka

Kimiko Gunji

Kimiko Gunji

Jeanne Holy



2008 Winter / Spring Calendar  
 Feb 9: Shoka Nishu-ike  
 Mar 1: Moribana / Freestyle at Parkland College  
 Mar 8: Shofutai Rikka  
 Apr 5: Shimputai Shoka  
 May 2: Shimputai Rikka (visiting Professor)  
 May 3: Freestyle (visiting Professor)



## November Rikka

Kimiko Gunji, Mary Seidenburg, Virgie Young



Are you new or do you have a friend who has always wanted to try ikebana? Jeanne Holy and Robin Dodson will be teaching an all day workshop at Parkland College on March 1. Moribana and Freestyle will be taught. Vases, kenzans and flowers are included in the fee.

For more information see the Live and Learn Parkland catalogue or go to:  
<http://www.parkland.edu/communityed/index.html>  
 click on Artful Living



Aurora Villacorta

## December Freestyle

Robin Dodson

Dolores Das





## Illinois Prairie Chapter Winter / Spring 2008 Workshop Reservation Forms

All workshops will be held at Japan House. Questions? Contact Jeanne Holy at 217-637-5221 or email to [jholy@shout.net](mailto:jholy@shout.net). Please return forms, checks and written correspondence to:  
**Illinois Prairie Chapter, PO Box 12024, Champaign, IL 61826-2024**

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February 9, 2008 - **Shoka Nishuike** (Reservations due by Feb.5, 2008)

Name: \_\_\_\_\_

( ) Member : \$15      ( ) Guest : \$25

9:30 am - 12:00 pm

Floral materials will be provided. Please bring a shoka style container, gravel and an ashi kenzan

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March 8, 2008 **Shofutai Rikka** (Reservations due by March 3, 2008)

Name: \_\_\_\_\_

( ) Member: \$25      ( ) Guest: \$35

9:00 a.m. – 12:00 p.m.

Note special starting time for rikka. All materials will be provided . Please bring a rikka container, wire, vinyl and floral tapes, and wire cutters

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April 5, 2008– **Shimputai Shoka** and Annual Meeting (Reservations due by April 4, 2008)

Name: \_\_\_\_\_

( ) Member: \$10      ( ) Guest: \$20

9:00 a.m. – 12:00 p.m.

Note special starting time. Please provide your own floral materials for this workshop. Bring a shoka style container and an appropriate kenzan.

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## Illinois Prairie Chapter 2008 Annual Membership / Mailing list Application

Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Ikenobo Rank: \_\_\_\_\_

Street Address: \_\_\_\_\_

City State ZIP: \_\_\_\_\_

Phone No : \_\_\_\_\_ Email: \_\_\_\_\_

Check all that apply

( ) Regular Member : \$44      or      ( ) Teacher Member :\$49      \$ \_\_\_\_\_

( ) Printed Newsletter: \$15 and/or      ( ) Email Newsletter: free      \$ \_\_\_\_\_

( ) 75+ local dues waiver (credit \$19)      \$ \_\_\_\_\_

total enclosed      \$ \_\_\_\_\_

(Membership application must be received no later than 3/1/08.)